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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : General Aaron's Comments on ICS Activity

1. During my presentation of the ICS briefing on 23 September to General Harold R. Aaron, ACS/I Army, and his staff, the General made two comments you might wish to pass on as actions to CPAD and MPRRD.

2. When I mentioned the HUMINT section of the CPAD, General Aaron said that the Army "accounted for 45 percent of all the human source collection of the Department of Defense" but that Army had never received any comment from the DCI as to how well or how poorly the Army was doing in this field. The General said he would welcome a critical examination of the Army human source effort. The current project list of CPAD does not include a review of DoD human source collection. I suggest you consider assigning CPAD such a task in view of General Aaron's virtual invitation that such be done.

3. During the discussion of the MPRRD role General Aaron made particular mention that as part of the KIQ/KEP process, once the more productive elements of the Community had been identified, he hoped that the DCI would move in the direction of "building a fence" around these assets so that they could be protected from resource cuts. He said that in his view the DCI should provide specific comments to the head of the department concerned whenever resource cutbacks -- expressed in dollar figures -- were proposed. Such DCI comments should either pose objections to the reduction, if warranted, or include rather specific indication as to the

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intelligence activities or organizations which should absorb the directed budget reduction. Such a program would go beyond what the DCI now does and would have considerable impact on the program of the MPRRD.

(signed) Jack H. Thomas

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Deputy Director, Coordination
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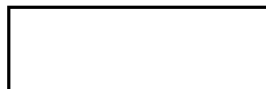
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doing and that we will
be pleased to have him
observe.

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less hyper-active quotation
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